

Appl. No. 09/827,671
Amendment dated July 29, 2004
Reply to office action of June 29, 2004

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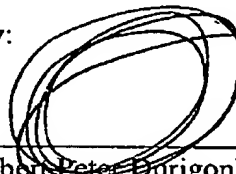
By the above- identified office action, the invention of claims 1-5, and 7-8 on the one hand and the invention of claim 6 on the other were subjected to restriction under 35 USC 121, and it was advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed.

By the instant amendment, the invention of claims 1-5 and 7-8 is elected for examination at this time without traverse. Claim 6, accordingly, has been canceled without prejudice. As a one-month shortened statutory period for response ending July 29, 2004 has been set, this amendment should be deemed timely filed. Reconsideration, re-examination, and early allowance of claims 1-5 and 7-8 are accordingly respectfully requested.

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